



**RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE REQUESTED
EXAMINING GROUP 1631**

PATENT
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
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Hideo AGO *et al.*)
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Application No.: 09/608,713)
) Group Art Unit: 1631
Filed: June 30, 2000)
) Examiner: Cheyne D. Ly
For: HCV POLYMERASE SUITABLE)
FOR CRYSTAL STRUCTURE)
ANALYSIS AND METHOD FOR)
USING THE ENZYME)

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Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

AFTER-FINAL AMENDMENT
AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116

In reply to the Office Action mailed June 14, 2004, Applicants submit the following amendments and remarks in this Reply. This Amendment and Request for Reconsideration under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 is due September 14, 2004, and timely filed.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

The Remarks begin on page 5 of this paper.